

23Z09 September Student Update – Be Brave & Courageous.

Hello my friends. I want to thank those of you who joined us for our Scholar's Table meeting. It was great to see your faces and have a chance to talk with you. We hope to see you in October when we are in the Philippines, check with your pastor to find out when and where we will be in your area.

First, order of business. **Let's Pray.**

All returning students should have submitted all requirements by now or have a LSR in their file.

Part of our monthly virtual meeting will be a Q&A time. If you have any questions about faith or life, send me the questions to questions@punla.org. This is completely confidential, I will not share your name, only your question.

Please take advantage of this opportunity. It is an excellent opportunity to practice your English skills for future jobs.

I need everyone to sign up for our YouTube channel is [Punla Christian Ministries - YouTube](#). This is a requirement of our program. You need to sign up on our YouTube channel to follow our channel and select the notification bell so you will be notified when new content is posted. Then you need to watch the videos or listen to the podcasts as they are posted.

If you are having trouble viewing the videos because of poor internet connections, you also can download MP3 podcasts or PDF versions of every message on our website [PUNLA Coffee Table – Jesus! Bible! Life! Let's talk about it!](http://www.punlacoffeetable.org) (www.punlacoffeetable.org)

Enough of business.

I have just received my master's degree in Christian Apologetics and doctorate in Theology. Which means, hopefully I'm able to address your questions better.

I am not special and I'm not trying to brag. This is not about me, by myself, this was impossible. But God provided a way to do the impossible, I do not understand. I am humbled at the miracle God performed in my life. I don't know what for yet. But I'm ready for whatever God brings me next.

Kids, nothing is impossible with God. If I can do this, you can overcome any obstacle in your way if you only allow God to lead you on the pathway. Let God lead you on the best pathway for your life.

Let me read you a Psalm of David. Psalm 27 (NLT)

The LORD is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident. The one thing I ask of the LORD— the thing I seek most— is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD’s perfections and meditating in his Temple. For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock. Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the LORD with music. Hear me as I pray, O LORD. Be merciful and answer me! My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.” And my heart responds, “LORD, I am coming.” Do not turn your back on me. Do not reject your servant in anger. You have always been my helper. Don’t leave me now; don’t abandon me, O God of my salvation! Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close. Teach me how to live, O LORD. Lead me along the right path, for my enemies are waiting for me. Do not let me fall into their hands. For they accuse me of things I’ve never done; with every breath they threaten me with violence. Yet I am confident I will see the LORD’s goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.

Think about these words from David. I am confident I will see God’s goodness. Be brave and courageous. Wait on God. Trust Jesus in every situation you have, do what God is urging you to do, then be confident God will give you exactly what you need. God will show you His goodness.

Let’s Pray.

Let me leave you with this. If God is asking you to do the impossible, then your answer should just be yes. You are Lord, lead me and I will follow. Now you better pray about it. You better seek good counsel about it, like I did with my wife. You are going to need help. I needed a lot of help from my family and God. My family had to sacrifice, to allow me the time to do what God was asking me to do. .

I am so glad we have this time together each month. Don’t fear anything in this world. Jesus is the king of this world and as such we should fear nothing. I Love you and I am proud of you. God’s Blessings.

Until next time. I pray for Joy, Hope, Peace and Assurance from God for each of you. God bless.

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